GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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KILLING OF TIGERS/WILD CATS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the incidents of killing/poaching and death of tigers/wild cats have come to the notice of the Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor;

(c) the details of the poachers identified by the Government so far;

(d) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to check such poaching and death alongwith action taken against the poachers; and

(e) the details of funds allocated and utilised during the last three years and the current year for protection of tigers?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a), (b) & (c)Incidents of killing and death of wild cats including tigers have been reported from the States time to time. Such killing/death of wild animals generally occurs due to poaching, infighting, old age and natural calamities. As reported by the States, the details of death of tiger, lion and leopard during the last three years and current year are at Annexure-I.

(d) Since day-to-day management of Tiger Reserve is done by States, details of action taken against individual poachers are not collated at Government of India level.The steps taken by the Government of India to protect tiger and other wild animals are at Annexure-II.

(e) The details of fund allotted to the tiger range States and utilized under the ongoing Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger during last three years and in the current year are at Annexure-III.